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Concerned parties,

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This is an absurd rule that is invasive of personal privacy, ineffective in accomplishing its stated purpose and damaging to the consumer due to the high costs that must be absorbed or passed to passengers by all airlines. Further, it is certainly discriminatory, since specific religious, cultural and ethnic characteristics will produce a much higher incidence of probability of members of specific groups being disproportionately selected for "special treatment." No amount of additional "random" selection and search across the general population can irradicate this bias, except by applying such "special treatment" to all passengers. Due to the underlying purpose of the rule, any person who even appears to be a member of a "suspect" ethnic or other group AND is selected for this added scrutiny must

surely be viewed by fellow passengers knowledgeable about the rule with suspicion, thereby making such passengers virtual designated targets for fear, animosity and suspicion.

The simple promulgation of such a rule evidences a complete lack of sensitivity towards the privacy of others, and a total lack of respect for the public as a whole. It is an example of what is worst in the character of beaucratic organizations, ranking along side the thankfully rejected "Know Your Customer" rule proposed for the financial industry as a true regulatory obscenity. Do everyone a favor. Kill this proposed rule before it does the serious harm it seems more designed to do than its stated purpose of protecting the flying public.

Sincerely,

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